

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment amends claim 5, and leaves claims 1 and 9 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 5 and 9.


Claim 5 was amended to correct informalities (i.e., typographical errors). Specifically, claim 5 was amended to add the inadvertent omissions of the "means for" language, as indicated in the amended claim. Applicants reassert all remarks made in the Amendment filed on August 11, 2006.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1, 5 and 9 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.40462X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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